

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2492 - HB 2585

February 23, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a new offense for a person to distribute or to deliver as an act of terrorism or as a hoax any substance that is intended to create fear or apprehension on the part of any person that such a substance may be a biological warfare agent, a chemical warfare agent, or a nuclear or radiological agent, whether such substance is in fact such an agent. Such conduct done, as an act of terrorism will be punished as a Class A felony. Such conduct done as a hoax will be punished as a Class C felony.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$153,200/Incarceration*

Assumes one Class A felony conviction and four Class C felony convictions each year.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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